Reclaiming Public Services

How cities and citizens are turning back privatisation

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ideas into movement

Collective research by NGOs and public services unions

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835 (Re)municipalisations of public services

MORE THAN 1600 CITIES AROUND THE WORLD ACTED TO BRING PUBLIC SERVICES UNDER PUBLIC CONTROL

There are better solutions than ever-more privatisation, ever-more austerity and ever-lower expectations

(Re)municipalisation sectors

267 Water

Country	N°cases
France	106
United States	61
Spain	27
Germany	17
Argentina	8
Canada	4
Hungary	4
Italy	3
Kazakhstan	3
South Africa	3
Bolivia	2
Colombia	2
India	2
Indonesia	2
Mozambique	2
Turkey	2
Ukraine	2
Uzbekistan	2
Venezuela	2
Albania	1
Belgium	1
Central African Republic	1
Ecuador	1
Guinea	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	1
Mexico	1
Portugal	1
Russia	1
Sweden	1
Tanzania	1
Uganda	1

31 Waste

Country	N°cases
Germany	13
United Kingdom	7
Canada	5
France	3
Spain	2
Norway	1

311 Energy

Country	N°cases
Germany	284
United States	6
United Kingdom	5
Japan	4
Netherlands	3
Dominican Republic	2
France	2
Argentina	1
Denmark	1
Spain	1
India	1
Lithuania	1

Transport 38

Country	N°cases
France	20
United Kingdom	7
Austria	3
Germany	2
Portugal	2
Canada	1
Czech rep	1
India	1
Turkey	1

11 Education

Country	N°cases
Germany	5
United Kingdom	3
India	1
Nicaraqua	1
Spain	1

140 Local government

- 24 building and cleaning
- 15 security and emergency
- 19 public (green) space
- 18 housing
- 20 school catering
- 10 sports
- 9 cultural
- 8 construction
- 4 funeral
- 3 human resource
- 5 IT
- 5 other

Country	N°cases
United Kingdom	37
Germany	26
France	21
Spain	21
Austria	13
Canada	9
Finland	3
Norway	4
Denmark	2
Netherlands	2
Armenia	1
India	1

37 Health care & Social work

- 8 social work
- 29 health care

Country	N°cases
Norway	16
Sweden	7
United Kingdom	5
Spain	4
Denmark	2
Finland	1
India	1
Montenegro	1

(Re)municipalisation is a key strategy for energy transition, local economy and sustainability

SPAIN — TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES **56**

Health care & social work
4

Water
27

Energy
1

Education
1

Waste
2

Local government
21

7	public (green) space
5	building and cleaning
3	housing
2	funeral
1	security and emergency
1	construction and repair
1	culture
1	bikerental

Highlights

- 15 local government services were brought back in house after the municipal election in 2015.

- Many cities brought several different services back in house: Rivas Vaciamadrid (3), Cabrils (2), Ciudad Real (4), Barcelona(4), Cadiz (2), Chiclana (3), Sabadell (2).
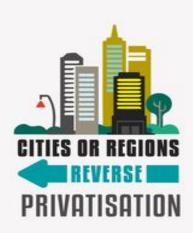
Bringing services back in-house is ultimately cheaper for local authorities

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(Re)municipalisation: returning and creating local public services

Remunicipalisation

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CITIES OR REGIONS
← REVERSE
PRIVATISATION

CITIES OR REGIONS **+** *citizen and worker-led* COOPERATIVES
← REVERSE
PRIVATISATION

citizen and worker-led COOPERATIVES
← REVERSE
PRIVATISATION

Municipalisation

143

CITIES OR REGIONS
CREATING
NEW LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES

122 energy
2 waste
1 education
16 local government
2 social services
0 water

(Re)municipalisation provides opportunities for new, diversified, democratic public ownership

- Further global mapping on remunicipalisation (New cases 2017-18, global south, USA)

    Collaboration with trade unions

- Qualitative analysis

    Collaboration with universities (Glasgow)

    PSI's survey on impact of remunicipalisation for workers.

What are outcomes of Remunicipalisation

  services, investment, participatory governance, social and environmental policies, human rights, technology

- **How democratic public ownership looks like**
- **Challenge PPPs locally and globally**

(Lagos, Jakarta, Colombia, Spain, Greece, Brazil, Japan, India elsewhere)

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